

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 11, 2007 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), claims 1-3, 22-29, 32, 34-36 and 38 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting. No claims have been amended

Applicants respectfully respond to the Office Action.

I. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1-3, 22, 24-29, 32 and 34-36

Claims 1-3, 22, 24-29, 32 and 34-36 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4, 10-11 and 15-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,184,915. Applicants have executed a terminal disclaimer in response to this rejection, which is enclosed herewith.

II. Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1, 23, 26, 28, 29 and 38

Claims 1, 23, 26, 28, 29 and 38 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 20 of U.S. Patent No. 7,184,915. Applicants have executed a terminal disclaimer in response to this rejection, which is enclosed herewith.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-21, 30-31, 33 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-21, 30-31, 33 and 37 have not been rewritten in independent form at this time.

Claims 4-21 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 4-21 be withdrawn. Claims 30-31, 33 and 37 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 28. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 30-31, 33 and 37 be withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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